



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1364

January Session, 2001

AN ACT LINKING EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM TO INDUSTRY NEEDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) The Commissioners of Higher Education and
2 Economic and Community Development and the Labor
3 Commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education,
4 the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical College System and
5 one member of industry representing each of the economic clusters
6 identified by the Commissioner of Economic and Community
7 Development pursuant to section 32-4g of the general statutes, shall (1)
8 review, evaluate and, as necessary, recommend improvements for
9 certification and degree programs offered by the vocational-technical
10 school system and the community-technical college system to ensure
11 that such programs meet the employment needs of business and
12 industry, and (2) develop strategies to strengthen the linkage between
13 skill standards for education and training and the employment needs
14 of business and industry.

15 (b) Not later than January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the
16 Commissioner of Higher Education shall report, in accordance with
17 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
18 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
19 education, commerce and labor and to the select committee of the
20 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to workforce

21 development on (1) the implementation of any recommended
22 programs or strategies within the vocational-technical school system or
23 the community-technical college system to strengthen the linkage
24 between vocational-technical and community-technical college
25 certification and degree programs and the employment needs of
26 business and industry, and (2) any certification or degree programs
27 offered by vocational-technical schools or regional community-
28 technical colleges that do not meet current industry standards.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-69 of the general statutes is
30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

31 (a) Each local and regional board of education shall establish and
32 maintain a program of adult classes or shall provide for participation
33 in a program of adult classes for its adult residents through
34 cooperative arrangements with one or more other boards of education,
35 one or more cooperating eligible entities or a regional educational
36 service center pursuant to the provisions of section 10-66a. Such board
37 of education may admit an adult to any public elementary or
38 secondary school. No person enrolled in a full-time program of study
39 in any local or regional school district may enroll in an adult education
40 activity without the approval of the school principal of the school in
41 which such person is enrolled in such full-time program. Instruction:
42 (1) Shall be provided in Americanization and United States citizenship,
43 English for adults with limited English proficiency and elementary and
44 secondary school completion programs or classes; and (2) may be
45 provided in (A) any subject provided by the elementary and secondary
46 schools of such school district, including vocational education and
47 occupational skills training, (B) adult literacy, (C) parenting skills, and
48 (D) any other subject or activity.

49 Sec. 3. The sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars is
50 appropriated to the Department of Education, for the fiscal years
51 ending June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003, for the purpose of establishing
52 a two-year pilot program designed to provide occupational skills
53 training to adults residing in distressed municipalities who participate

54 in adult education programs pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-69
55 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

56 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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